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(SUBVERSION)

WASHINGTON--A HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE LAUNCHED AN INVESTIGATION TODAY OF COMMUNIST SUBVERSION IN LATIN AMERICA AND WHAT THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO DO ABOUT IT.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE EDWIN M. MARTIN WAS CALLED TO TESTIFY (10 A.M.) AT THE INQUIRY, WHICH FOLLOWED A WEEKEND OF MORE CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE OVER U.S. POLICY TOWARD CUBA.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDED:

--CHAIRMAN JOHN S. STENNIS, D-MISS., OF THE SENATE PREPAREDNESS SUBCOMMITTEE SAID THAT IF SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN CUBA WERE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE, U.S. TROOPS MIGHT BE FIGHTING COMMUNISTS IN LATIN AMERICA.

--CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT, D-ARK., OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE SAID PERSISTENT POLITICAL PRESSURES COULD FORCE THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE "VERY UNWISE" ACTION ON CUBA THAT MIGHT HAVE DANGEROUS REPERCUSSIONS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD.

GALLEN W. DELANEY, FORMER CIA DIRECTOR, SAID IN AN ARTICLE MADE PUBLIC YESTERDAY THAT HE SAW NO CHANCE FOR THE PEOPLE OF CUBA OR ANY OTHER IRON CURTAIN COUNTRY TO STAGE SUCCESSFUL REVOLUTIONS AGAINST THEIR RED RULERS.

--SENATE DEMOCRATIC WHIP HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, MINN., SAID THE UNITED STATES SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR NOW THAT A CASTRO-TYPE COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER IN VENEZUELA "WILL NOT BE TOLERATED."

--SEN. STROM THURMOND, D-S.C., ONE OF THE LEADING CRITICS OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY ON CUBA, MAY WIND UP ON STENNIS'S SUBCOMMITTEE, WHICH IS INVESTIGATING THE CUBAN SITUATION, IT WAS LEARNED. THURMOND HAS SENIORITY TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE PREPAREDNESS SUBCOMMITTEE.

IN THE HOUSE INVESTIGATION OF SUBVERSION, CHAIRMAN ARMISTEAD SKIDEN, D-ALA, SAID THE U.S. AMBASSADORS TO HAITI AND VENEZUELA ALSO WOULD TESTIFY LATER IN CLOSED SESSION. 2/18--E856A23

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